

## Resources on the Judiciary, Lawyers, and the Law

***Almanac of the Federal Judiciary.*** 2 vols. Aspen Law and Business. Supplements issued periodically.

Volume 1     ***United States District Court Judges***

Volume 2     ***United States Circuit Court Judges***

A looseleaf service that provides contact information for and profiles of all Supreme Court justices and circuit and district court judges. Profiles include academic and professional background, experience on the bench, noteworthy rulings, media coverage, and commentary/ evaluation by lawyers.

***The American Bench: Judges of the Nation.*** Forster-Long, Inc. Published annually. 2,642 pp.

A *Who's Who* of judges: provides brief biographical sketches of more than 18,000 judges from all levels of federal and state courts. Biographies include title, court level served, and office address and phone number, and may include information on the judges' educational and legal backgrounds, current and previous judgeships, important decisions, authorships, awards, and military service. Contains a name index.

***Black's Law Dictionary,*** 7<sup>th</sup> ed. West Group. 1999. 1,738 pp.

Over 30,000 definitions; many include quotations from cases and scholars that use the term in context.

***Desk Reference on American Courts: Over 500 Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Our State and Federal Courts.*** Patricia G. Barnes. CQ Press. 2000. 301 pp.

Provides quick answers to frequently asked questions about the form and function of federal and state courts.

***Directory of State Court Clerks and County Courthouses.*** Want Publishing Company. Published annually in October. 366 pp.

Complements *Want's Federal-State Court Directory* (see entry). Provides directory information for state supreme courts, appellate courts, and trial courts, as well as for county clerks, state attorneys general and their staffs, and state offices of vital statistics. Lists Internet addresses for state courts.

***Federal-State Court Directory.*** Want Publishing Company. Published annually in October. 236 pp.

Provides directory information for all federal courts, including U.S. attorneys, federal administrative law judges, clerks of the court, U.S. bankruptcy trustees, and federal records centers. Lists federal court vacancies and nominees. Lists places of holding court and counties in federal districts, provides state court organization charts, lists state bar associations, and includes reporters of judicial decision for each state. Provides Internet addresses and electronic bulletin board information for access to federal court records.

***Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court***, 3rd ed. 2 vols. Joan Biskupic and Elder Witt. CQ Press. 1997. 1,172 pp.

Covers the Court's history, operation, power in relation to the other branches of government, and major decisions. Also provides biographies of the justices and a list of Court nominees. Contains the full text of several major decisions and a chronology of major decisions. There is a subject index and a case index. See also ***The Supreme Court A to Z***.

***How to Find the Law***, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Morris L. Cohen et al. West Publishing Co. 1989. 716 pp.

The standard text for teaching legal research that covers finding cases, statutes, constitutional law, legislative histories, administrative materials, and secondary materials. Includes a discussion on using computer-based resources.

***Judicial Staff Directory***. CQ Press. Published twice a year in January and May. 1,112 pp.

Provides contact information for judges and court staff for federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, Court of Federal Claims, Court of International Trade, U.S. Tax Court, and circuit and district courts. Also contains more than 1,900 biographies of federal judges and staff.

***Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory***. 26 vols. Martindale-Hubbell. Published annually.

A *Who's Who* of lawyers: contains more than 900,000 lawyer and law firm listings, arranged alphabetically by city and state. There are practice profiles for firm listings and professional biographies for lawyer listings that provide contact information and biographical sketches. A [lawyer locator](#) is available on the Web.

***The Supreme Court A to Z: A Ready Reference Encyclopedia***, 2nd ed. Elder Witt, advisory editor. CQ Press. 1998. 584 pp.

Provides alphabetical, encyclopedia-style entries on the history, procedures, people, and major cases of the Supreme Court. This is basically a condensed version of CQ's ***Guide to the Supreme Court*** (see entry).

***Supreme Court Compendium: Data, Decisions, and Developments***, 3rd ed. Lee Epstein et al. CQ Press. 2001. 450 pp.

A statistical guide to the Court that provides numerical data on the Court's history, development as an institution, the justices' backgrounds, nominations and confirmations, and the Court's relationship with the public and other governmental and judicial bodies.

***Supreme Court Justices: Illustrated Biographies 1789-1995***, 2nd ed. Edited by Clare Cushman. CQ Press. 1996. 588 pp.

Provides in-depth biographies of all justices of the Court, including the justice's background, formative experiences, career, and major issues and cases.

***Supreme Court Yearbook***. CQ Press. Published annually. 368 pp.

Summarizes every opinion written during the most recent term. The most significant cases receive in-depth essays.

***Who's Who in American Law***, 12th ed. Marquis Who's Who. Published every two years; most recent edition published in December 2001. 837 pp.

Provides brief biographical sketches of more than 25,000 lawyers and professionals in law-related fields, including judges, legal educators, law librarians, legal historians, and social scientists. Sketches may include information on education, career history, awards, publications, and office or home addresses (does NOT include phone numbers). Contains a fields-of-practice index and a professional index.